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Dear Sir:

In order to reduce the fees associated with the filing of the above-referenced National Stage application, applicants are filing a new claim set with fewer claims than were searched in the original, parent PCT patent application (WO 2005/030802 A2).